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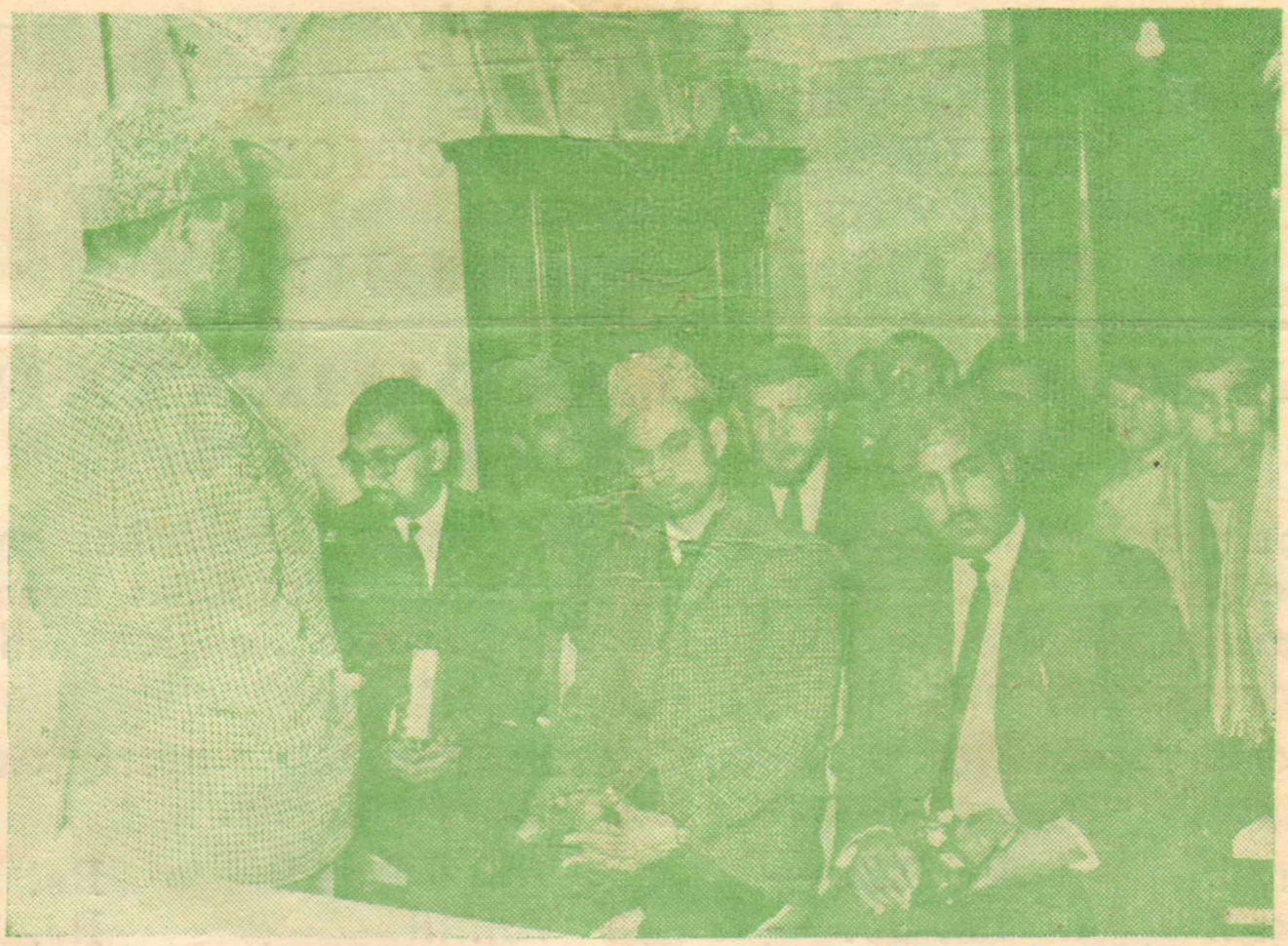

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MALFOOZAT

Devotion to means and worship of the world have become so rampant in this age that trust and faith in God have become extinct; atheism and agnosticism are in full swing. Looking at the condition of the time, one has to admit that the time is, as it were, practically denying the existence of God. Moral condition of the people has become so depraved that indecencies are committed openly; sins and transgressions are on the increase. All these go to show that faith in God and fear for Him, have disappeared from the minds of the people, and they have no firm belief in the existence of God. If a man knows for certain that there is a snake in a certain hole, he will never put his finger into it. The fact that immoral practices and foul deeds, sins and transgressions, violation and misappropriation of others' rights, are on the increase, is proof of the fact that people have no faith in God; in other words, one may say that God is lost. So God has willed to manifest Himself in this age, and has, therefore, raised me. Addressing me; he said انت منى وانا منك (Thou art from Me, and I am from you).

It means that God's majesty Unity and Greatness shall be manifested through me. God's help and succour to my Movement, and the Signs shown by Him in its favour, are the means by which He has been manifesting His Existence, Unity and Greatness.

(Al-Hakam, November 10, 1902)

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih

Urges Jamaat to payup Fazl-i-Omar Contributions

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Sermon of Hazrat Amirul Mominin Khalifatul Masih III, delivered at Rabwah, on July 26, 1968. (condensed)

Drawing attention of the Jamaat towards fulfilling the pledges for the Fazli Omar Foundation, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said that three years were allowed for the fulfilment of pledges, two years have passed away, only one year remains, but the amount realized up to this time is less than two-thirds. In this connection, he said :

"I think all the Jamaats of Pakistan, or at least, the majority of them, have paid up their two-thirds, and some have paid, in full, too, but the Jamaats outside Pakistan are lagging behind. Their responsible members, including our Missionaries and local Office-Holders, did not act upon the Quranic instruction of "ذکر" (exhort). Otherwise our brothers and sisters of Foreign Jamaats, are not, in any way, less sincere than the members of the Jamaats in Pakistan, rather in the field of sacrifices they are marching forward, shoulder to shoulder, with us. So if they are lagging behind in this Scheme, it is because they have not been duly reminded of their obligations. It is the duty of the responsible Office-Holders and the Missionaries working there, to call the attention of the members to this obligation of theirs."

Stressing the need of the fulfilment of pledges Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said that the third year is the year of fulfilment of pledges and not of making pledges. Of course, if some one wants to pledge and also pay the entire amount within this year, he can do so. But no fourth year shall be allowed for the fulfilment of pledges except in special cases.

Paying tribute to the spirit of sacrifice of Jamaat, Hazrat Amirul Mominin said that the Jamaat is making commendable monetary sacrifices. Despite contributing to a number of other Schemes, the members very generously responded to the appeal for Fazl-i-Omar Foundation, and gave proof of their deep love for their late Beloved Leader, Hazrat Muslih Mauood, Allah be pleased with him. Although the appeal was for two million and fifty thousand rupees, the Jamat pledged three million and seventy thousand rupees, and has already paid more than two million rupees. As for those who have not, as yet, been able to fulfil their pledges, it is not because they are less sincere, but because some unforeseen circumstantes might have prevented them from fulfilling their pledges, or it might be due to lack of attention. They should, however, now try their best to fulfil their pledges within this year, and thereby absolve themselves of their obligations.

After this Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said that, in future, it is possible that Allah will open for us new avenues of sacrifices and new ways of attaining Nearness and Mercy of God. So we should finish the work in hand, as soon as possible, and be prepared for further sacrifices. Our Allah is very Gracious. If we spend one penny in His Cause, He gives us a thousand pennies, in return. But we do not spend for any material return; it is

His love that we desire and spend for. Of course, He gives us manyfold return, out of His Grace, and we praise Him and thank Him, too, for that. But He blesses us with His love, too, when we spend something in His Cause, and it is this love that we hanker after. "And this love is our life, this love is our main-stay, it is our Paradise, and if we win His love by spending all that we have, we shall be only glad...So fulfil your Pledges soon, so that, new avenues of attaining His Nearness and Grace may be opened for you", said Hazrat Amirul Mominin.

In conclusion Hazrat Khalifatul Masih addressed the responsible officials and missionaries in foregign lands again, and exhorted them to frequently remind their respective Jamaats that it is the third and final year of the Fazl-i-Omar Foundation, and they should fulfil their pledges within this year.

"God has", said Hazrat Khalifatul Masih, "given us wisdom and far-sightedness. When Allah, under His perfect wisdom, creates circumstances in favour of Islam, He expects from His servants that they will be prepared to satisfy the needs, and meet the challenges of the time, and adopt every possible means for the victory of His faith, Islam. It is not possible that lying on a bed of roses, we shall succeed in making Islam prevail.

"Believers do not consider anything as trouble, in His cause. They cheerfully undergo, everything e.g. distress, poverty etc. which others consider as trouble, to win Allah's love and Pleasure.....But when a believer brings about a death upon himself and approaches God saying, "I do not possess the strength of an infant even, so I want Thee to do every thing for me," and then affectionately catches hold of the finger of God, he feels the Might and Power of God, and witnesses the manifestation of His Love and Power."

"In short, as God has given unparalleled far-sightedness to the believers, you should ponder and reflect over the conditions of the entire world. I am also pondering. We should make every possible effort for the Victory of Islam, and we should think over what is going to happen in the world in ten or twenty years, and what the trend of the time is. Through prayer, believers can foresee many things and make preparation for the same. So the pledges for the Fazli Omar Foundation in foreign countries, should be fulfilled this year, and all efforts should be made for it. May Allah enable us all to carry out our obligations. Amen!"

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Pakistan Day

Throughout the length and breadth of Pakistan, the citizens of this great country, which is also the largest Muslim State celebrated the Pakistan Day to mark the achievement and independence from the British Raj on the 14th of August. This was the 21st anniversary of the great event. At Rabwah, the prayers were offered in the mosques, food was distributed among the destitutes, Games were held in various sectors of the town.

An open air meeting was also held at which Maulana Qazi Mohammad Nazir, presided. Maulana Sheikh Mubarak Ahmad and Mr. A.S. Akhtar addressed the audience and reminded them how Pakistan came into existence and what their responsibilities were.

In his closing remarks the Chairman of the meeting drew the attention of the members of the Jamaat to the fact that they had a strong faith in the efficacy of prayer and therefore, in addition to whatever services they could render to the cause of Islam, they should always pray for its stability and strength.

A silent prayer brought the meeting to a close.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih in Switzerland

(Continued from last issue)

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Then Imam Bajwa requested Hazrat Sahib to address the gathering. The lecture hall again resounded with the sweet recitation by Hazrat Amirul Momineen. His speech, had again the same charm which was felt by the audience last night. German translation was done by Mr. Nasir Ahmad. An English translation is given below.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III stated after the recitation of Tashahud and Sura Fatiha: "Could I speak German, I should have addressed you in your language. However, I do not know it and many of you do not understand English and if I speak in it, it shall have to be translated into German, therefore, it is better to speak in Urdu, which is also the language of the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement.

First I desire to thank heartily all friends for all they have said about me and the Movement.

Our friend Mr. Karl Ketterer has said some very interesting things but the rights and obligations that he has mentioned are not basically directly related to religion; they come within the orbit of human rights.

I believe it is a job of the religion to guard human rights and in my opinion, the way in which Islam has protected these rights, no other religion has done. Islam does not only protect the human rights but also stipulates for the preservation of every part of the creation. This religion covers a very vast sphere.

I cite a few instances to explain my point of view. Islam has protected the rights of food. The Holy Prophet (peace be him) has stated that food should not be wasted. One should take in his plate only so much as he could eat and finish. In U. S. A., so much food is wasted that economic experts have estimated, it would be enough to feed the whole of Europe.

So, Islam by prohibiting the waste of a single morsel of food has established the right of food. Another example is that of roads which we use. Islam says it has right to be kept clean. This is right of man over road and right of road over man and Islam has protected them. There are thousand of types of rights which men have over men or other things have over men or men have over other things. These rights are completely protected by Islam. Of all rights, that man has over the humanbeings, the greatest basic right is to be able to live in peace. Islam is a religion of peace and establishes peace. There are hundreds of commandement of the Holy Quran and the Holy Prophet (peace be on him) in this connection. I would mention eight basic commandments.

First, Islam considers establishment of good relations between different religions to be essential. The Holy Quran has declared:

> There is no people to whom a warner has not been sent. (35 : 25)

Muslim, therefore, respects the prophets of every religion and thus develops an atmosphere of peace and harmony.

Secondly, Islam prohibits from speaking ill of revered personalities or commandments of other religions. It has laid so much emphasis on it that abusing of an idol is also disliked.

Thirdly, Islam establishes religious freedom. The Holy Quran says:

> There should be no compulsion in religion. (2 : 257)

Religion has relationship with heart and no weapon, even an Atombomb, can change the mental beliefs.

Fourthly, Islam establishes the rule of law.

Fifthly, Islam has based international relations on the moral foundations. So according to Islam no power, though big as Russia and powerful as U. S. A., possesses a right of veto. International relationship should be governed by moral considerations and might of a nation entitles to no extra privileges.

Sixthly, in Islam all humanbeings are equal, to whatever religion, country, nation or colour they may belong. According to the teachings of the Holy Quran, all are equal in the sight of God.

Seventhly, Islam establishes justice. Quran says :

> Let not a people's enmity incite you to act otherwise than with justice. Be just, that is nearer to righteousness. (5 : 9)

Eighthly, Islam enjoions that when you enter into agreements, abide by them. Breach of promise breeds discord and an atmoshere of peace could not be maintained.

I have placed these eight points very briefly before my friends. One can speak for hours on each of them but now there is no opportunity for it. My object in referring to them is only to create this feeling in you that a religion like Islam could not be ignored, it must be studied and given due thought.

I thank you all and pray that God himself may give us to achieve the object of our lives, for which He created us ! Danke schon !"

It may be mentioned, that guests on their arrival from far and near were introduced to Hazrat Sahib and that kept him busy long before the lunch. A long range of subjects naturally came under discussion during these conversations. The lunch, being buffet Hazrat Sahib could divide his time between different guests.

His able younger brother, Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, Vakiluttabshir, also met people and forged new acquaintances. He, having been here before, already knew many and was held in great esteem by them. Hazrat Sahib's private Secretary, Professor Ch. Mohammad Ali, had a tough job that kept him very busy but he also played an active role at these receptions. Dr. Barkat Ahmad came along with his whole family from Bern and all of them were always at hand to help the Imam in any possible manner. Mr. Abdus Salam, who is the only Pakistani besides Mr. S. M. Ahmad living here and has, therefore, on such occasions naturally a lot of responsibility to bear, also took upon himself the job of taking photographs on these historical occasions. Mr. Abdush Shakoor and Mr. Mohammad Khalid came all the way from Germany to meet Hazrat Sahib and help the Mission. They both also took some valuable pictures. While mentioning photographers, we may mention little Yaha Hassan whose photographs of the departure of Hazrat Amirul Mominin were the best that we could lay our hands on. Mr. Kamal Volmar, a sincere and zealous servant of Ahmadiyyat left his work and came to Zurich to benefit from the presence of Hazrat Sahib during his stay and serve in every possible manner. Dr. M. I. Hassan and his younger brother, Dr. M. Ismail Hassan, the princes of the former royal family of King Faruk, from the reception of the Hazrat Sahib at the Airport to his departure on the fourth day, availed themselves of every opportunity of service.

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Miss Fausia Paganini and Mr. Daresta took leave from their jobs and volunteered themselves to help day and night.

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NOTES & COMMENTS

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Khilafat - A Binding Force

One of the great blessing that God has bestowed upon the advent of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, is that the institution of Khilafat which is the greatest binding force for the Muslims has been revived. The Promised Messiah, himself was a Khalifa of the Holy Prophet Mohammad, peace and blessings of God be upon him, and on his demise the regular institution came into being through Hazrat Maulana Nur-ud-Din, the Ist Khalifatul Masih.

How important the institution of Khilafat is and how much it is essential for the Muslims to have a Khalifa, was the theme of a speech of Rector of Al-Azhar at the Pakistan Institute of International Affairs on February, 20, 1968.

The speech was reported in "The Muslim World" Karachi (4 2, 1968) as follows:—

"Speaking at the Pakistan Institute of International Affairs on Feb. 20, Sheikh Ahmad Hassan Al-Bakhori, the Rector of the Al-Azhar University, said that the occupation of Jerusalem by Israel had posed serious threats to the holy cities of Mecca and Medina. He said that the fall of the "First Qibla" of Muslims in the hands of Jews was the result of disunity among Muslims. He expressed fears that any compromise with Israeli occupation of Jerusalem would encourage the aggressor to go ahead with his expansionist designs.

"He said the enemies of Islam had from the very beginning tried to create disunity among the Muslims. They used all possible means to achieve their objective of putting an end to the institution of "Khilafat", which was binding force for Muslims.

"Sheikh Bakhori said he was hopeful that a day would come when the institution of "Khilafat", would be revived to bring back the past glory of Islam. He was confident that if the Muslims strengthened their faith in "Khilafat", Khana-e-Ka'aba and the Holy Quran, they would achieve perfect unity and take the "Millat" to great heights of glory. He made a stirring call to the Muslims of the world to sink their differences and unite under the banner of Islam."

"The Crisis of Belief"

"The Crisis of Belief—What must be done" was the theme at an annual meeting sponsored by the Wanderer, a Conservative Catholic Weekly published in St. Paul. According to Time—the Weekly News Magazine of the U.S.A. the overriding concern of the delegates (who came from 24 States and Canada) was the strong trend towards change in the Roman Catholic Church. Some participants warned that "Liberalism" prepared the way for Communist infiltration of the U. S. and the Church.—Other speakers expressed their concern that the rebel elements within the Church were corroding faith and contended that even the U.S. heirarchy was not exempt from the liberal disease. Keynote Speaker Frederick Wilhelmsen, Professor of Philosophy and Politics at the University of Dallas, declared that "The bishops of the nation labour mightily like elephants and then bring forth as solutions the mice of secular liberalism"—For all their zeal, the Wanderers concede that they are fighting a lonely battle to preserve the true faith. "Orthodoxy is now on the run" said one speaker, "its foot soldiers in disarray"

Tahrik-i-Jadid: The fact is that since the advent of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, Orthodoxy of all the

faiths is on the run and their foot soldiers—and others also—in disarray. Cross is the symbol of Christianity and the task of breaking the Cross was allotted to the Promised Messiah. He did his work excellently and the result is that Christendom has been forced to change its views on its dogma and practice.

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Obituary

It is announced with great sorrow that Professor Mohammad Ibrahim Nasir passed away on 6th of July, 1968.

After graduating from the University of the Punjab Mr. Nasir dedicated himself under short term dedication scheme launched by Hazrat Muslih Mauood in 1934 and served Islam in Budapest, Hungry for three years. On the completion of the period of dedication, he returned to Qadian and joined the T.I. High School as a teacher. Later on, after the partition of Indo Pak Sub-continent, he was taken on the staff of the T.I. College where he worked meritoriously till his last breath.

A kind and gentle conscienscious worker, he will be long remembered by all those who came in contact with him. His sincere and fraternal company will be very much missed by his colleagues. We of the Tahrik-i-Jadid extend our sympathies to the bereaved family and pray to God that his soul may rest in peace and God may grant him His nearness. Amen.

Ch. Rahmat Khan passes away.

It is announced with great regret that Ch: Rahmat Khan, ex-Imam of the London Mosque and the Superintendent of the Ahmadiyya Hostel Lahore passed away on the 29th of Wafa (July) at 11.45 p.m. He was 70 years.

Mr. Khan was staying at Rabwah and was hale and hearty when he was all of a sudden overtaken by illness which did not last more than half an hour. Before the medical aid could reach him he had breathed his last. Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilaihi Rajioon.

The Staff of the Mahnama Tahrik-i-Jadid and also of the Tahrik-i-Jadid Anjuman Ahmadiyya send their condolences to the bereaved family. May Allah exalt the ranks of the deceased in the Paradise. Amen.

Conference in U.K.

The fifth Annual Conference of the Ahmadiyya Jamaats in the United Kingdom was held on the 13th and 14th of July at the Wandsworth Hall, London. More than a thousand and two hundred people attended and showed great interest in the deliberations of the conference.

The conference was inaugurated by Imam B. A. Rafiq with an opening speech welcoming all the members who had assembled there from various parts of the country. He also welcomed and thanked those who despite the fact that they do not belong to the Jamaat, had taken the trouble of participating in this Annual Gathering. This Session was presided over by Sir Dingle Foot M.P and the gathering was addressed, among others, by Ch: Mohammad Zafrullah Khan and Bashir Ahmad Orchard.

In the other sessions of the conference those who addressed the audience included Messrs L. A. Tahir, Gulzar Ahmad, Mansoor Ilahi Khan, Munir Ahmad and Sa'adullah Bhunno.

Children of the Sunday School, Huddersfield presented some very educative programmes.

The Conference was one of the huge successes that the Ahmadiyya Jamaat in U. K. achieved this year through the grace of God and wise leadership of Imam B.A. Rafiq.

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Hazrat Sahib goes to Karachi

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III left for Karachi by Chenab on the 31st of Wafa (July). He is to be medically examined and treated for various ailments that he has been suffering from for the past two to three months. His address there is:

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III
C/O Al-Mukhtar Ltd,
P.O. Box 4900,
Karachi—2
Telegraphic address:—
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Friends are requested to pray for his speedy recovery and long life.

Masjid Aqsa

It was in Akha (October) two years ago that Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III laid the foundation stone of Masjid Aqsa at Rabwah. He was followed by the companions of the Promised Messiah, Foreign Students and representatives of the auxiliary bodies. The Lajna Ima'Ullah (the women's section) could not be representated at that time. All along it was being felt that they also should have got the opportunity in sharing the blessing of the laying of the foundation of Masjid Aqsa.

However this deficiency has now been made up. On Friday the 19th of Wafa (July) some female members of the family of the Promised Messiah went to the site of the mosque and performed this sacred duty. They were Sayeda Nawab Mubaraka Begum (daughter of the Promised Messiah), Sayeda Ummi Matin Maryam Siddiqua (wife of the late Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II), and Hazrat Mansoora Begum (the wife of the Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III)

Fazl-i-Omar Talimul Quran Class

The Fazl-i-Omar Talimul Quran Class which was inaugurated on the first day of Wafa (July) at Rabwah came to an end on the 30th Wafa (July). The closing function at which refreshments were served was presided over by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih. The report of the activities of the class was read out by Maulvi Abul Ata. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih in his succinct address to the class and other invitees pointed out that what we should actually seek from the Holy Quran is not only its knowledge but its light, for it is only this Book in the world which enlightens the souls and thus makes for the recipient of the light easy to follow the commands of God.

He advised the audience that they should always try to seek light from this word of God and act upon its behests with all the zeal at their command.

Majlis-i-Irshad

The monthly meeting of the Majlis -i- Irshad was held on the 13th of July, at the Masjid Mubarak under the gracious chairmanship of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih, after the Maghrib Prayer. Malik Mubarak Ahmad, a Professor at the Jamia Ahmadiyya and Editor of Al-Bushra (published in Arabic by the Jamia Ahmadiyya) spoke on the specialities of the Arabic language. He told the audience that Arabic is the mother of all the tongues and was given to mankind through revelation. Its root words which consisted of only three letters could construct hundreds of words and that makes it a very expressive language. One of its specialities he said was that a very small sentence could convey extensive ideas.

Mr. A. R. Khan Bengalee, ex-Missionary of the USA addressed the audience on a prophecy of the

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LET'S PRAY TO GOD

It is one thing to claim that God is on your side; it is quite another to prove this fact.

Christianity and Islam—and perhaps other religions also—lay it down that the acceptance of prayer is one of the factors that prove how near a man is to God.

A certain Christian padre—Rev. Dr Samuel Doctorian—is currently visiting Europe campaigning to win the people to his side. He claims that God (Jesus to be very exact) hears his prayers. And so what? Read the following letter which was sent to Rev. Doctorian by our Missionary Masood Ahmad, Imam of the Ahmadiyya Mosque, Frankfurt. To our knowledge, no reply has been received so far—and if any reply is received at all, it will most probably be in the negative. (Editor)

17th June 1968

Rev. Dr. Samuel Doctorian
Incharge of the Biblland Mission Beirut,
c/o Zeltmission der FGC
Frankfurt am Main

Dear Reverend!

You will be glad to know that I have heard your lecture of 16-6-1968 in which you have preached the Divinity of Jesus Christ, the salvation through his blood and the other dogmas of Christianity.

Dear Reverend! You might be aware of the claims of the Promised Messiah, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (peace be upon him), Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam and the Holy Reformer of this age. God the Almighty has sent Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian India (1835-1908) in the power and spirit of Jesus Christ just as according to the judgment of Jesus Christ, John the Baptist had come in the power and spirit of Elias.

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Mistaken are those whose eyes are fixed on heaven and who want to see the Christ descending on the earth amidst the clouds. Jesus Christ was only a true prophet of God, and was sent to the house of Israel (Matt. 15 : 24). God the Almighty heard his humble prayers (Mark 14 : 36) and saved him from the accursed death on the Cross (Deut. 21 : 23) After the incident of Crucifiction Jesus travelled to Kashmir to preach to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. After fulfilling his mission Jesus died his natural death and his soul rests in heaven with the souls of all the prophets of God. The Promised Messiah says in one of his mighty prophecies :

"O mankind! hearken, this is the Prophecy of God who made the heaven and the earth. He will spread this Movement in all the countries and will give it supremacy over all through reason and argument. Remember, no one will descend from heaven. All our opponents who are living at present will die and not one of them will see Jesus son of Mary descending from the sky and then their children who survive them will also pass away and none of them will see Jesus son of Mary coming down from the heaven. Generations of their posterity will also pass away and none of them will see Jesus son of Mary coming down from the heaven. Then God will create restlessness in their hearts: that the day of the glory of the Cross had passed away and the world had taken another shape but Jesus son of Mary had still not come down

from the sky. Then all the wise people will discard this belief and the third century from today will not have completed when all those who had been waiting for Jesus, both Muslims and Christians, will despair of his coming and, entertain misgivings and shall give up their belief and there will be only one faith in the world and one Preceptor. I came only to sow the seed. That seed has been sown by my hand. It will now grow and blossom forth and none dare retard its growth."
(Tazkiratush-Shahadatain pp. 64-65)

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The Promised Messiah further claimed that the real salvation could be attained only by following the path of Islam and by drinking deep from the pure fountain of Unity. He writes:

> "The Holy Quran leads us towards the delicate truth, that this lasting peace is to be found in true God-realisation, in the perfect and pure individual love of the Being who has no equal, and in perfect faith which might create in one the restlessness of of a lover."
> (Fountain of Christianity p. 28)

Explaining further the most illogical conception of salvation prevailing in the present Christianity he writes:

> "The advocates of Christianity rely for salvation on two dogmas solely, viz., the sinlessness of Jesus and atonement through his blood. Salvation according to them is the necessary and sole result of the belief that Jesus, son of Mary, was the son of God and, therefore free from sins and that he died on the cross for the salvation of mankind. But the days are gone when people could find any consolation in these erroneous doctrines which are the invention of some ingenious brain. The hidden eyes of truth are now fast opening and no power can close them. It would have been much better if these people had themselves bid farewell to the antiquated doctrines of Trinity and Atonement and not opposed the mighty host of truths that is coming down from heaven. It is surprising indeed that even in this age of reason the Christian Missionaries have the boldness to preach these childish doctrines, which, on account of their absurdity are rejected by every sensible person."
> (A Review of Christianity pp.1-2)

The Promised Messiah has not only with reason and arguments falsified the present day Christianity but also has showed the signs of the truth of Islam. He claimed that he has been blessed by the Almighty with the sign of the acceptance of the prayers. He invited the Christians for an easy way to judge the truth of either of the religions. He said that let us equally take through lot a certain number of such patients who have been declared medically incurable, and then pray for their miraculous recovery. He claimed that if the Christians would come forward and accept this invitation, God the Almighty will show a great sign in favour of Islam. The Ahmadiyya Community of Islam has over and over again invited the Christian Clergy for this easy test but this invitation of the Promised Messiah still stands unaccepted. The present head of the Ahmadiyya Community, third successor of the Promised Messiah, Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad has recently once again repeated this invitation, which was conveyed

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to the dignitaries of the Church.

Dear Reverend! If you really wish that the people of this city may come to know the real fountain of the pure salvation, the undersigned Masud Ahmad, a Missionary of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam and Imam of the Frankfurt Mosque is prepared to debate on the issue of Crucifiction, Trinity, Atonement, Salvation etc., in friendly atmosphere.

I wish you could provide a chance for the people of the city of Frankfurt to distinguish themselves between the right and the wrong.

In the end I humbly pray in the words of the Promised Messiah, the Prophet of this age. He says:

"Our beloved Allah, save Christians from worshipping a man as God, and fulfil the promises of Thy Prophets for this age. Lift the wounded ones from the thorns. Purify them in the fountain of Thy salvation which lies only in Thy knowledge and Thy love. There is no salvation in the blood of man.

"Merciful God, it has been long that Christians have worshipped a man, but now have mercy on them, and open their eyes. Almighty and Merciful God, everything is possible unto Thee. Release them. therefore, from the false dogmas of the crucifiction and the blood of Jesus. Almighty God hear me for their benefit, and enlighten their hearts with heavenly light, so that they may see Thee. Who can imagine they would see Thee? In whose mind is that they could avoid the worshipping of a creature, and listen to Thy voice? But O God everything is possible for Thee. So do not destroy them as Thou didst in the days of Noah. After all they are Thy creatures. Have mercy upon them. Open their hearts so that they may accept the Truth." Amin!

Yours faithfully
(Masud Ahmad M.A.)
Missionary in chare and Imam
of the Mosque

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Promised Messiah, peace be on him, viz The Bengalees will be consoled. Mr. Benglaee delved deep into the circumstances in which this prophecy was made and also gave full explanation of its fulfilment. He also said that it seemed that whenever the Bengalees would be in distress, they would be consoled.

Third and last speaker was Ch. Anwar Hussain. He spoken on Agriculture and the Holy Quran. In a very lucid manner, he told the audience that the Holy Quran had given very useful hints for the improvement of agricultural produce. He cited a number of verses from the Holy Quran to prove his case.

The meeting was brought to a close with a silent prayer led by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih.

Arrival

Alhaj Sheikh Nasir-ud-Din Ahmad, ex-Amir and Missionary Incharge arrived in Rabwah on the 22nd of Wafa (July 1968) 1347 (Hijri Shamsi), from Nigeria after a four year stay in that country. This was his second term in the foreign countries He had first gone to Nigeria in 1956 and having worked there for almost four years, he was transferred to Sierra Leone to take charge of the Jamaat. While in Sierre Leone he had the honour of opening the first Ahmadiyya Secondary School at BO (Now Sierra Leone has four Secondary Schools)

While in Nigeria in addition to looking after the preaching and educational activities of the Jamaat, he was also the Chief Editor of "The Truth", the only Muslim weekly in the whole of West Africa. We pray to God that his work in Nigeria and Sierra Leone is blessed by God. Amen.

Islam in Europe

Monthly report of some of the Ahmadiyya Jamaats in Europe prepared by Ch.M.A. Bajwa. This report is for June 1968. Editor.

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Spain : Mr. Zafar called on an officer in the Ministry of Information and Director of an institution respectively and personally presented the literature to them. To many others it was sent by post. The pamphlet "Why I believe in Islam" has been finished, another 5000 is being printed. Justice Khamisani of Karachi was invited to dinner. A Pakistani, reconverted from Christianity to Islam, being out of work, remained his guest. Sunday gatherings were held at the Mission House as usual.

Holland : 'Al-Islam' was published. On the birthday of the Holy Prophet (peace be on him) a meeting of the members was held. Children education is being organised at the Mosque ; besides Yassarnalquran, they were practically taught the offering of the prayer. A catholic school group was received at the Mosque. After the speech, the questions were answered and the literature was given. Hazrat Sahib's London Speech has been beautifully published in a booklet form in Dutch. Weekly Dars of Hadith was given by Mr. Salahuddin Khan. One joined the Movement, alhamdulillah.

W. Germany : 'Der Islam' and the 'Ahmadiyya Gazette' containing the extracts from writings of the Promishd Messiah (Peace on him) and Khutbas of Hazrat Sahib were published. The Imam spoke on Islam versus Christianity in the Mosque and also before prisoners in Celle, replied questions and distributed literature. A group of Christians from Bremen visited the Mosque, the Imam had a talk about Islam and distributed literature. Mr. M. I Ozolsch delivered 4 speeches on Islam in the University of Frankfurt and answered questions. Imam Masud Ahmad challenged Dr. Samuel Doctorian, Head of Bible-land Mission, Beirut, to hold a debate on Islam versus Christianity ; the reply is still awaited. Four joined the Movement, alhamdulillah.

Scandinavia : Two speeches on Islam were delivered by Mrs. Qanita Khan. An interview of the Imam and another of Miss Tayebah were published in a journal. To answer a slanderous attack on the life of the Holy Prophet (Peace be on him), some were successfully approached. A speech of Mr. Madsen on "Why am I a Muslim and not a Christian?" was published in a Christian journal. The Imam saw the General Secretary of the Danish Missionary Society. The marriage of Miss Qanita and Mr. Abdur Rauf Khan was solemnised, may Allah bless it.

Switzerland : Four parties were received at the Mosque : a class of Gymnasium, Zwingli Union, Church youths from Wallisellen and student nurses from Nurses School. Each time after speech the questions were answered and the literature was presented. The birthday of Holy Prophet (Peace be on him) was celebrated on the 9th June, when Mr. Volmar, Dr. Barakat Ahmad and the Imam, delivered speeches. The Imam also participated in the celebrations by Turks at Zug where he was the only speaker and his speech translated into Turkish. Monthly children class was held. Algerian chlidren's class was held twice. Lessons were given six times. Visitors from many countries were received. Individual preaching was continued, one joined the Movement.

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